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Serial No.: 09/854,280	Examiner: Jiang, Dong
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For: IL-17 Homologous Polypeptides and Uses Thereof	

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES (37 C.F.R. § 1.191)**

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner, mailed on January 29, 2004, finally rejecting pending claims 61-72.

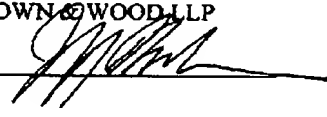
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